Railway	Year	No. of Cases Registered	Amount Involved (In Rs.)
S.E.		29	11,63,400
	1992-93	18	5,44,434
	1993-94	21	8,25,095
	1994-95		
Western		82	9,42,432
	1992-93	79	6,28,020
	1993-94	103	19,88,628
	1994-95		

Security Threat by Pakistan

1108. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by him as reported in the press to the effect that in view of Pakistan getting M-11 missiles from China and equipping itself with other armaments posing threat to our security, India would make matching arrangements to defend itself;

(b) if so, whether the threat perception is equally shared by other relevant Government agencies; and

(c) if so, what coordinated steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the acquisition of M-11 missiles by Pakistan from China. Government has categorically stated that the security situation of India remains constantly under review, particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood. Government will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Amount spent on advertisements by MTNL

1109. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent by the Delhi Mahanagar Telephone Nigam on advertisements during the year 1994-95; and

(b) what is the value of advertisements given to the newspapers, language-wise during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Award of contract for optical fibres for Telephone Projects

1110. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a repot in 'Indian Express' of 20th July, 1995 under caption, "Favoured firms bag Rs. 55 crore projects";

(b) if so, the names of firms awarded contracts for optical fibres for telecom

projects worth Rs. 55 crores, on what considerations and on what terms and conditions;

(c) whether tenders were floated and bids received; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these contracts were awarded before designated Technical Evaluation Committee submitted its report, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the recommendations of Technical Evaluation Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) The names of the firms are:
(1) M/s Vikas Hybrid & Electronics Ltd. (VHEL)
(2) M/s. Sterlite Industries Ltd.

(ii) The orders were placed on following considerations:

M/s VHEL had offered the lowest prices in the earlier tender opened on 6.7.93 and were not given add on order earlier as were given to others. M/s Sterlite had excellent supply record and had large manufacturing capacity to deliver the goods in short period.

(iii) The terms and condition of the orders were:—

(1) The entire supply shall be completed within 45 days from the date of issue of orders.

(2) The final prices shall be as to be finalised for the ongoing tender opened on 6.4.95.

(c) The tender was floated and opened on 6.4.95. A total of 18 bids were received.

(d) Purchase had to be made to meet the urgent field requirement pending finalisation of tender which was to take considerable time.

(e) The report of the Tender Evaluation Committee is under Examination.

Relaxation in theory paper in Amateur Wireless Station Operations examination to the Blind

1111. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Blind students and youth are taking interest in Amateur Wireless Operation activity;

(b) whether Government would consider relaxing the theory paper in the Amateur Wireless Station Operators Examination for the blind persons and allow them to give that paper orally, and

(c) if so, by when the instruction in this regard will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is following the practice of permitting a blind candidate to avail of the assistance of a writer for answering the theory paper.

Computerised Reservation Facilities

1112. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stations where computerised reservation facility has been made available together with the names of stations for which return tickets and reservation through computers can be made from Delhi;

(b) the names of stations where these facilities are likely to be made in 1995-96;

(c) whether railways have any plan for computerised booking for the next few years and if so, the details thereof; and